COACHES PUZZLED BY MANY INJURIES TO GRIDIRON STARS

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New York, Oct. 22—Sometimes wrong with the 1919 football player.

Eastern coaches have been led to this belief after star upon star has joined the disabled list. None has been seriously injured, but from the preponderance of pulled muscles, tendons and slight bone fractures, it seemed that the athletes are not up to their usual strength to stand the gaff.

The cause is a puzzle. Either the boys returning from France have brought back too much "Yankee punch" or the hardships of army experience have undermined them physically.

Yale tops the list with ten star players unserviceable through injuries—Thorne, Murphy, Braden, Captain McCallahan, Graham, Welles, Neville, LaRoche, Crane and Aldrich.

Harvard has a quad in the infirmary consisting of Captain Murray, Ralph Horween, Casey, Ryan and several substitutes.

Princeton lost her star center, Murray Scureman, two weeks ago and the navy has two stars out in Captain Ewan and Graves.

Some refuse to consider the army as a factor and attribute the cause to overtaxing players in practice. This has been the chief criticism against the Sharpe regime at Yale. Followers of the Eli have been pointing to Pennsylvania, where Coach Bob Folwell has practically abandoned scrimmage practice as an indication that the severe practice sessions favored by the new Yale coach are not necessary.

VARSITY TO INVADE PORTLAND COLLEGE ARENA ON SATURDAY

As a result of the decision of the faculty of Reed college to permit intercollegiate athletics this season, the Willamette Bearcats will invade Portland next Saturday, October 25, to clash with the Reedites on Reed field at 2:30 p. m. Reed was scheduled to have played on the Willamette field last Saturday, but was forced to cancel on account of delayed faculty action. Coach Mathews announced Tuesday that most of the thirty men on the squad would make the trip, and that he purposed to give most of the men a tryout in the Portland contest.

Although the Bearcats have had but one game this season, the alumni game of October 11, they are in the best of shape for a hard game. All the first string men are free from sprains and bruises and will trot onto the field Saturday in A-1 condition. This game will mark the entrance of the up-town college into inter-collegiate athletics, and gives the local institution no way of estimating comparative strengths of the two elevens. Without these comparative scores and games, both aggregations will clash with a big question mark over their heads in this initial contest.

Denaway park team, which was to have played the Bearcats on the Wesleyan field this Saturday, found that it had pre-arranged a game with the Chemawa Indians, and thus had to cancel with Willamette.

The Reed contest will be the only Willamette football game played outside the city this season, but as it has been contracted on such short notice, a varsity excursion i snot thought likely. After hasty consideration Yell Leader Flegel and other boosters of the esprit de corps decided to defer the varsity excursion until the basketball season.

Hint of Clark For President Brings Cheers

Washintgon, Oct. 22—Champ Clark was cheered in the house of representatives when he indicated he might be a candidate for the presidency.

Clark was opposing an amendment in the budget bill which retired the director of the budget at seventy years and was poiuting out that many noted men did remarkable work after that age.

"I'm willing," Clark replied. The house apparently took it as throwing his hat in the ring. Both sides rose and cheered. Then Clark threw cold water on that view of his remark by saying:

"But I would want to know the identity of this 69 year old youth," he added.

Ratification Sessions In Seven States Are Requested

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 22.—In a message sent to the governors of Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington, Governor William D. Stephens asked these states to call special legislature sessions for the purpose of considering and ratifying the national suffrage amendment.

Governor Stephens urged that the extra sessions be called before November 27, Thanksgiving day.

Calling of the California legislation for extra session is dependent on the action of the other state. Nothing other than the suffrage amendment will be considered if the session is called, Governor Stephens declared.

ROME FEELS QUAKE

Rome, Oct. 22.—(United Press.)—A strong earthquake shock lasting five seconds occured in this vicinity at 7 o'clock this morning.

SALEM HIGH TO MEET OREGON CITY ELEVEN

The Salem high eleven will play Oregon City high on Willamette field Friday afternoon at 3.30 p. m., having cancelled their proposed trip to Vancouver next Saturday. Coach Reinhart announced the change of schedule Tuesday afternoon.

Although the Salem team is weakened by the loss of three ex-service men, who has been disqualified because of insufficent credits, it is bidding for only one end of the score in Friday's contest—the big end. "Fleecy" White, Wilbur Dailey and Roland Reinhart were the "vets" who succumbed to the credit sheet. Beryne is another man who has left the squad. Outside of these losses, the Cherry City warriors stand as they did in the alumni game of two weeks ago.

In discussing the team Tuesday, Coach Reinhart stated that his line was still pretty weak as was demonstrated in the Salem-Estacada game of last Saturday. He further asserted that the backfield was "operatin' on high" at all times. Minors injuries that held up the backfield in Saturday's game will be entirely out of the way for the coming clash.

HOPPE LEADS PLAY

New York, Oct. 22.—William F. Hoppe, champion is the only undefeated player in the national 18.2 balk line billiard championship tournament which entered the third round today. George F. Slosson will play Ora Morningstar today; George B. Sutton and Welker Cochran will meet; Jack Schafer will take on the Jap star Yamada and the night match will be played between Hoppe and Sutton.

Fear of Return To Prison Made Johnson Murder

Portland, Or., Oct. 22—Clarence Johnson, in an interview at the county jail, declared he killed Mrs. Eunice W. Freeman here August 15 because he was afraid she would cause him to be returned to San Quentin penitentiary as a parole violator.

"I didn't want to kill her, but hell, I couldn't help it. I was afraid she would send me back to prison," said the ex-convict, without apparent emotion and with a show of bravado.

Johnson was arrested in Nome, Alaska and was brought back to Portland yesterday evening.

Mrs. Freeman, prominent W. C. T. U. and prison reform worker, was killed by being struck over the head with a gas pipe.

"W" CLUB ELECTS

At a meeting of the Willamette "W" club held Tuesday noon the following officers were elected: President, Loren Basler, Bremerton, Wn; vice president, Russell Rarey, Tacoma; secretary-treasurer, Rein Jackson, Emmett, Idaho. The "W "club, composed of all men and women who have won their letter in university athletics, has as its purpose the advancement of inter-collegiate athletics at the local institution. The club will be entirely officered by ex-service men this season. President Basler did two years in the navy. Vice president Rarey is an ex-O. T. C. man, and Jackson served two years with Company M, Salem, over half of that time in France.

One thousand pounds of mint oil was consigned Saturday by different growers around Eugene to Portland, and most of them are expecting $10 a pound.

BOXING

Denver, Colo., Oct. 22.—Lewis Tendler lost to Johnny Noye on a foul in the third round here last night. Tendler's backers protested the announced result, claiming it was to be a no decision affair and that examination by a doctor showed no foul blow.

Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 22.—Pal Moore, Memphis, and Patsy Johnson, Trenton, featherweights, have been matched for an eight round bout here October 31. Charley White, Chicago, and Mel Coogan, Brooklyn, were also signed and efforts are being made to sign Ted Lewis and Johny Griffiths to complete an all star card.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 22.—Carl Morris the Oklahoma heavyweight will make his first appearance in a northwest ring tonight when he tackles Ole Anderson, the big Swede from Tacoma, in the main event of the show to be staged at the local arena. It will be a six round fracas. Willie Keeler, local heavyweight, will box Harry Williams of Spokane six rounds in the semi-windup.

Grading contracts have been awarded for a four-mile extension of the Oregon-California & Eastern railway from its terminus at Dairy to Hildebrand.

Joseph F. Kelleher, formerly state parole officer, and Benjamin Ludlow, both of Portland, and both of the Pacific Coast Underwriters conference, were in Salem yesterday. They made an inspection of the automobile records, in the office of the secretary of state.